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SUBJECT: FONMIN STATEMENT ON SECRETARY'S ASIA SOCIETY SPEECH

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1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF FOREIGN MINISTER SHEN
CHANG-HUAN'S STATEMENT ISSUED JULY 1 WHICH APPEARED IN CNA
EXPRESS NEWS JULY 2:

QUOTE

SHEN TAKES EXCEPTION TO VANCE'S REMARKS.

TAIPEI, JULY 2 (CNA): CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER
SHEN CHANG-HUAN FRIDAY VOICED HIS STRONG EXCEPTION TO THE
STATEMENT OF CHINA POLICY DELIVERED BY U.S. SECRETARY OF
STATE CYRUS VANCE ON JUNE 29 AT THE ASIA SOCIETY.

FULL TEXT OF MINISTER SHEN'S STATEMENT FOLLOWS:
"HAVING READ THE SPEECH MADE BY SECRETARY OF STATE
CYRUS VANCE ON JUNE 29, 1977 AT THE ASIA SOCIETY, I AM
CONSTRAINED TO TAKE STRONG EXCEPTION TO THE STATEMENT OF
CHINA POLICY AS REFLECTED IN THAT SPEECH.

"IT MAY BE RECALLED THAT FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT

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OF THE 'SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE' IN FEBRUARY 1972, MY GOVERN-
MENT REGISTERED A STRONG PROTEST WITH THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT AND HAS SINCE REPEATEDLY POINTED OUT THAT THE
ILLUSIONS THE U.S. ENTERTAINS TOWARDS THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS
NOT ONLY SERIOUSLY AFFECT THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA, BUT WILL ALSO BRING IMMEASURABLE DAMAGE
TO THE ENTIRE FREE WORLD.

" I MUST NOW FRANKLY POINT OUT THAT IT IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS FOR THE UNITED STATES TO CONSIDER FRIENDLY REATIONS WITH THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS TO BE A CENTRAL PART OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY AND FOR THE UNITED STATES TO BELIEVE THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS CAN PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN MAINTAINING WORLD PEACE.

"WE SHOULD NOT HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS HAVE MASSACRED AS MANY AS SIXTY MILLION PEOPLE AFTER THEIR OCCUPATION OF THE CHINESE MAINLAND, AND THAT MORE THAN 150,000 AMERICAN YOUTHS LOST THEIR LIVES OR WERE WOUNDED DURING THE KOREAN WAR WITH THE DIRECT INTERVENTION OF THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS. IT IS A WELL KNOWN FACT THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS ACTIVELY SUPPORTED THE NORTH VIETNAMESE IN THE VIETNAM WAR. PRESENTLY, THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS ARE CONTINUING THEIR SUPPORT OF COMMUNIST ELEMENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, LATIN AMERICAN AND AFRICA, WITH A VIEW TO SUBVERTING THE FREE AND INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENTS AND TO ADVANCE THEIR CAUSE OF WORLD COMMUNIZATION. IT WOULD BE A TOTAL DISREGARD OF THE HISTORICAL LESSONS AS WELL AS THE REALITY IF THE UNITED STATES WERE TO BELIEVE THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS ARE CAPABLE OF PLAYING ANY ROLE IN MAINTAINING INTERNATIONAL PEACE. SUCH A POLICY WOULD NOT ONLY BE UNHELPFUL TO THE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE, BUT MAY LEAD TO NEW THREATS OF WAR.

"THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN FRIENDS OF LONG STANDING. OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND ARE ALLIES BY VIRTUE OF THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AS A LOYAL ALLY OF THE UNITED STATES, HAS ALWAYS RESPECTED MORAL PRINCIPLES AND FAITHFULLY ADHERED TO ITS TREATY OBLIGATIONS. DEEP AND SINCERE FRIENDSHIP HAVE BEEN EXISTING BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

"MY GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE ARE DEDICATED TO PEACE AND FREEDOM. WE HAVE DEVOTED OURSELVES TO THE PROMOTION OF DEMOCRACY, THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMY AND THE BETTERMENT OF THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF OUR PEOPLE. INTERNATIONALLY, WE HAVE DONE OUR UTMOST TO PROMOTE MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION WITH FREE COUNTRIES IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD, WITH A VIEW TO CONTRIBUTING TO WORLD PEACE.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS TOOK POWER WITH SHEER VIOLENCE. INTERNALLY, COMMUNIST TYRANNY HAS DEPRIVED THE PEOPLE OF ALL FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS. TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD, THEY EXPORT REVOLUTION, ENGAGING IN INFILTRATION AND SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN MANY FREE COUNTRIES. WITH SUCH SHARP CONTRASTS, SHOULD THE UNITED STATES CHOOSE TO RECOGNIZE THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS BY ABANDONING THE LONG STANDING FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, IT WOULD NOT ONLY SERIOUSLY DAMAGE

THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND
JEOPARDIZE THE SECURITY OF THE 16 MILLION CHINESE ON
TAIWAN, BUT WOULD ALSO VIOLATE THE LOFTY IDEALS UPON WHICH
THE AMERICAN NATION WAS BUILT AND THE MORAL PRINCIPLES
EMPHASIZED BY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION AND THUS
ERODE THE CREDIBILITY OF THE UNITED STATES AMONG THE FREE
PEOPLES THE WORLD OVER.

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"IT HAS BEEN THE CONSISTENT POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO CARRY OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITY
OF DELIVERING OUR 800 MILLION COMPATRIOTS FROM COMMUNIST
TYRANNY BY POLITICAL MEANS, WHILE THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS
HAVE NEVER GIVEN UP THEIR DESIGN TO 'LIBERATE' TAIWAN BY
FORCE. THE 'PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT' THEME
BEING HARPED BY THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS IS BUT AN ATTEMPT
ON THEIR PART TO FORCIBLY IMPOSE THEIR TYRANNIC RULE ON
THE 16 MILLION CHINESE ON TAIWAN.

"THE PEOPLE ON TAIWAN,
WHO ENJOY FREEDOMS
AND FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS, CAN NEVER ACCEPT COMMUNIST
ENSLAVEMENT AND PERSECUTION. FOR THESE REASONS, I MUST
REITERATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA WILL IN NO CIRCUMSTANCES ENTER INTO ANY

NEGOTIATION WITH THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS.

"I EARNESTLY HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN,
BEING THE LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD, WILL ABANDON FORTHRIGHT

ALL ILLUSIONS, PERCEIVE HER OWN REAL INTERESTS AND CAREFULLY
WEIGH HER MORAL AND HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE
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FUTURE OF THE FREE WORLD AS A WHOLE.

"FINALLY, I WISH TO STATE MOST EMPHATICALLY THAT THE
GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA WILL
CONTINUE TO STRIVE UNCEASINGLY TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHED
GOAL IN THE SPIRIT OF SELF-RESPECT AND SELF-RELIANCE.

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2. COMMENT: SHEN'S REMARKABLE REFERENCE TO "PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT THEME BEING HARPED BY THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS"
IS THE ONLY SURPRISING FEATURE OF AN OTHERWISE TOTALLY
PREDICTABLE REACTION TO SECRETARY VANCE'S SPEECH.
PREVIOUSLY GROC SPOKESMEN, BOTH OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL,
HAVE CONSISTENTLY PLAYED UP PEKING HARPING ON THE INTENTION
TO USE FORCE TO LIBERATE TAIWAN. WE HAVE NO FACILE EXPLANA-
TION TO OFFER AS TO WHY SHEN HAS NOW CHOSEN TO SWITCH
THE ROC THEME ON THIS POINT UNLESS IT BE THAT HE NOW
ANTICIPATES A PRC PROPAGANDA PUSH FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND
"PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT" WHICH THE ROC WILL FEEL THE NEED
TO BLUNT.

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